

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Claims 1-50 (canceled)

Claim 51 (new): A toner container for use with an image forming apparatus,
comprising:

a container body configured to store toner and including,

a first end having a first mouth and configured to interface with a setting
portion of the image forming apparatus, and

a second end opposite to the first end; and

a recess positioned at the second end and configured to interface with a retaining
member of the image forming apparatus.

Claim 52 (new): The toner container of claim 51, wherein the container body
includes an outer housing and an inner bag.

Claim 53 (new): The toner container of claim 52, wherein the recess is integrally
formed with the outer housing.

Claim 54 (new): The toner container of claim 52, wherein the outer housing is made
of a rigid material and the inner bag is made of a deformable material.

Claim 55 (new): The toner container of claim 51, wherein the recess is located at a
surface edge of the second end.

Claim 56 (new): The toner container of claim 51, wherein,
the second end includes a surface having at least two edges, and
the recess is located at one of the at least two edges.

Claim 57 (new): The toner container of claim 51, further comprising:
a mouthpiece member positioned at the first mouth, the mouthpiece member including
a second mouth configured to allow toner stored in the container body to be discharged from
the container body; and
a shutter configured to control passage of toner through the second mouth.

Claim 58 (new): The toner container of claim 57, wherein,
the shutter allows passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner
container is mounted on the setting portion, and
the shutter prevents passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner
container is not mounted on the setting portion.

Claim 59 (new): The toner container of claim 57, wherein the shutter includes a
piston and a biasing member.

Claim 60 (new): A toner container for use with an image forming apparatus,
comprising:
a container body configured to store toner and including,
a first end having a first mouth and configured to interface with a setting
portion of the image forming apparatus, and
a second end opposite to the first end; and

means for interfacing with a retaining member of the image forming apparatus,
wherein the means for interfacing is arranged at the second end.

Claim 61 (new): The toner container of claim 60, wherein the container body
includes an outer housing and an inner bag.

Claim 62 (new): The toner container of claim 61, wherein the means for interfacing is
integrally formed with the outer housing.

Claim 63 (new): The toner container of claim 61, wherein the outer housing is made
of a rigid material and the inner bag is made of a deformable material.

Claim 64 (new): The toner container of claim 60, wherein the means for interfacing is
located at a surface edge of the second end.

Claim 65 (new): The toner container of claim 60, wherein,
the second end includes a surface having at least two edges, and
the means for interfacing is located at one of the at least two edges.

Claim 66 (new): The toner container of claim 60, further comprising:
a mouthpiece member positioned at the first mouth, the mouthpiece member including
a second mouth configured to allow toner stored in the container body to be discharged from
the container body; and
means for controlling passage of toner through the second mouth.

Claim 67 (new): The toner container of claim 66, wherein,
the means for controlling allows passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner container is mounted on the setting portion, and
the means for controlling prevents passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner container is not mounted on the setting portion.

Claim 68 (new): A method of mounting a toner container to an image forming apparatus,

the toner container including,

a container body storing toner,

a recess arranged on an exterior surface of the container body, and

a shutter arranged at a mouth of the container body and configured to selectively allow and prevent discharge of the toner from the container body, and the image forming apparatus including,

a container holder including a resilient portion and configured to receive and support the container body,

a retaining member arranged at the resilient portion and configured to engage with the recess, and

a nozzle configured to protrude through the shutter and enter the container body,

the method comprising:

aligning the container body to the container holder such that shutter faces the nozzle and the recess is aligned with the retaining member;

inserting the container body into the container holder to a first position such that the container body displaces the retaining member and the resilient portion from a neutral position;

inserting the container body into the container holder to a second position such that the nozzle enters the shutter; and

inserting the container body into the container holder to a third position such that the nozzle enters the container body, the resilient portion returns to the neutral position, and the retaining member engages with the recess.

Claim 69 (new): The method of claim 68, wherein,
the shutter includes a piston and an elastic member, the elastic member forcing the piston away from an interior of the container body, and
the nozzle displaces the piston towards the interior of the container body when the container body is inserted into the container holder to the third position.

Claim 70 (new): The method of claim 68, further comprising:
biasing the recess towards the retaining member when the container body is inserted to the third position.

Claim 71 (new): The method of claim 70, wherein the biasing includes forcing the container body away from the container holder with a spring.

Claim 72 (new): A toner replenishing device for use in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a toner container including,

a container body configured to store toner,
a recess arranged on the container body, and
a shutter arranged at a mouth of the container body and configured to selectively allow and prevent discharge of the toner from the container body; and
a setting portion including,
a container holder configured to support the toner container,
a retaining member configured to engage with the recess,
a resilient portion configured to support the retaining member and to provide movement of the retaining member from a neutral state, and
a nozzle configured to protrude through the shutter and enter the container body.

Claim 73 (new): The toner replenishing device of claim 72, wherein the setting portion further includes a biasing member configured to force the recess towards the retaining member when the recess is engaged with the retaining member.

Claim 74 (new): The toner replenishing device of claim 72, further comprising:
a toner conveyance path extending from the toner container;
a toner delivery device configured to withdraw toner from the toner container and to transport the toner along the toner conveyance path; and
an air supplying device configured to supply the toner container with air.

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figs. 5, 7, and 9. These sheets, which respectively include Figs. 5, 7, and 9, replace the original sheets including Figs. 5, 7, and 9.

Attachment: Replacement Sheets